

It would be a mistake for the FCC, as proposed, to further relax the rules for media ownership. In a democratic society it is critical that we have a diversity of ownership to help ensure we are exposed to a diversity of ideas.

Media concentration is already a problem. The quality of reporting and programs from all media sources has clearly diminished since the 1996 legislation authorizing relaxed ownership. To further open the door to merged media companies would exacerbate this problem.

Sincerely,

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